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SUBJECT: GDR'S PROPERTY PROPOSALS IN EAST BERLIN

REF: A. BERLIN 338

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1. ON FEBRUARY 26, GEYER, CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION, GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY, PASSED TO MISSION OFFICERS FLOOR PLANS FOR PROPOSED HAUS DES HANDWERKS CHANCERY SITE AND FOR POSSIBLE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON TSCHAIKOWSKISTRASSE. FLOOR PLANS SENT DEPARTMENT, C/O LEDSKY, EUR/CE.

2. GEYER SAID THAT ACCORDING TO GDR DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT, SCHADOWSTRASSE CHANCERY SITE WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY LATE AUGUST 1974. HAUS DES HANDWERKS, ON OTHER HAND, IS IN NEED OF EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS, WHICH WILL REQUIRE 10-12 MONTHS. GEYER SAID TSCHAIKOWSKISTRASSE
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RESIDENCE IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION DURING FIRST

QUARTER OF 1975.

3. WITH REGARD TO STAFF HOUSING, GEYER SAID FOLLOWING
WOULD BE OFFERED FOR U.S. USE:

A. RESIDENCE AT HEINRICH-MANNPLATZ 35, SHOWN TO U.S.
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM LAST AUGUST. NOW READY FOR
OCCUPANCY.

B. TWO ESPLANADE-STYLE, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DIPLOMATIC
RESIDENCES IN SMALL DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE ON WALDSTRASSE,
NIEDERSCHONHAUSEN. READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN LATE
AUGUST 1974.

C. TWO RATHER ATTRACTIVE TWO-STORY BUNGALOWS, WITH
GARDEN AND GARAGE, LOCATED AT PFEILSTRASSE 10 AND 14.
READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN LATE JUNE 1974.

D. SIX-ROOM STAFF APARTMENTS. READY FOR OCCUPANCY
IN DECEMBER 1974.

E. OTHER (SMALLER) STAFF APARTMENTS. READY FOR USE
BY EARLY JUNE 1974.

GEYER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FOREGOING PROPERTIES MET
BASIC U.S. REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED TO GDR UN MISSION
BY DEPARTMENT IN NOVEMBER.

4. GEYER SAID HE SYMPATHIZED WITH U.S.
DESIRE NOT TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL CHANCERY AND HOUSING
FACILITIES, BUT HOPED U.S. WOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN ADJUST-
ING TO REALITIES OF EAST BERLIN HOUSING SHORTAGES. KLEIN

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